

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Interests

Social work with immigrants and refugees; child welfare; women's issues; health education; and violence against women and children.

Current Position: **Academic Professional Assistant Professor**

July 2006 – present Academic Professional (A.P.) Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, School of Human Environmental Sciences, The University of North Carolina Greensboro

January 2001 – July 2006 Lecturer, Department of Social Work, School of Human Environmental Sciences, The University of North Carolina Greensboro

January 2000 – January 2001 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Social Work, School of Human Environmental Sciences, The University of North Carolina Greensboro.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy University of North Carolina Greensboro
School of Education
Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations
Greensboro, North Carolina
Awarded May 2008

Master of Social Work University of South Carolina
College of Social Work
Columbia, South Carolina
Awarded May 1990

Bachelor of Social Work University of North Carolina Greensboro
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Social Work
Greensboro, North Carolina
Awarded December 1986

CERTIFICATIONS and LICENSES

January 1996 Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), # C002614
North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board

May 1990

South Carolina School Social Work Certification

Current Member NASW

TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina Greensboro, School of Human Environmental Sciences, Department of Social Work, Spring 2001 – present. Taught courses in MSW and BSW programs (Social Services for Children, Field Instruction and Seminar) as well as facilitated Pre-Service training for MSW and BSW Child Welfare Education Scholars.

University of North Carolina Greensboro, School of Human Environmental Sciences, Department of Social Work, Adjunct Instructor, Spring – Fall 2000. Field Instruction and Seminar Course for MSW program.

High Point University, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Human Services, Adjunct Instructor, Fall 1996 – Fall 2000. Social Group Work Courses.

HONORS AND AWARDS

The Department of Social Work was recognized by Lutheran Family Services Refugee Resettlement Service for Outstanding contribution to the Montagnard Resettlement Project. Dr. Nsonwu was coordinator for this project.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

November 1990 – December 2000

Social Worker II Moses Cone Health System, Greensboro, North Carolina

In addition to the positions described below, I also served as a member of the: AIDS Task Force; Hospital Teaching Service; Interdisciplinary Team Rounds; Total Quality Management Team; March of Dimes Task Force; and Drug Exposed Infants Community Task Force, for the Moses Cone Health System.

The Women's Hospital of Greensboro

Provided counseling and social work support to patients and families in the areas of adoption, drug abuse, family/spouse violence, mental health, teen pregnancy, and other crisis intervention services. Provided LCSW supervision to social workers pursuing their clinical license.

Medical Surgical/Rehabilitation Unit

Provided counseling and social work support to patients and families adjusting to illnesses and changes in their medical status. Arranged home health and mental health care and other support services and facilitated discharge planning.

AIDS Clinical Trials Protocol

Conducted detailed psychosocial assessments for HIV positive patients and provided therapeutic counseling and linkages to community services and governmental agencies.

November 1986 – September 1991

**Lutheran Family Services Refugee Resettlement Division
Greensboro, North Carolina**

May 1998 – September 1991

Part-time Social Worker (while attending graduate school) Provide linkages to community resources, acculturation skills, and therapeutic counseling to newly arriving refugee families and networked with and activated community services.

August 1987 – May 1989

Director of Refugee Day Care Program

Directed a comprehensive after school and full-time summer day care program for refugee children. Responsibilities included grant writing, budgeting, public relations, and program development; hired, trained, and supervised staff to deliver culturally competent services; development and delivery of educational and support programs for the parents of the refugee children; brokerage and advocacy in the school systems on behalf of the children and their families.

November 1986 – August 1987

Caseworker/Social Worker for the Montagnard Program

Provided initial resettlement assistance of Montagnard refugees including intensive social, health and mental case management services; therapeutic culturally competent counseling services; networked with and initiated community services including working with sponsors and volunteers.

September 1989 – May 1990 MSW Internship: Greensboro Public Schools, ESL Program.

September 1985 – May 1986 BSW Internship: Lutheran Family Services, Refugee Resettlement Division.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008 – Present Dissertation Committee Reader: Participate in coding and analysis for a doctoral student at UNCG School of Education Department of Counseling and Educational Development.

2006 – Present Research Fellow, Center for New North Carolinians

2005 - 2006 Americorp Professional Corp Member, Center for New North Carolinians

Trainer: UNC Chapel Hill/North Carolina Division of Social Services. *Medical Aspects of Child Abuse and Neglect*. (Presented: March 2009, September 2008, March 2008, November 2007, September 2007, March 2007, September 2006, March 2006, October 2005, September 2004, March 2003, September 2002, February 2000, August 1998, January 1998).

SCHOLARSHIP

Armendariz-Busch, N., Nsonwu, M.B., Heffron, L.C., Hernandez, M. & Garza, J. (April 2009). *Human Trafficking Victims Speak Out about Long Term Needs*. Austin: The University of Texas at Austin.

Armendariz-Busch, N., Nsonwu, M.B., Heffron, L.C., Garza, J., & Hernandez, M. (April 2009). *Understanding Human Trafficking: Development of Typologies of traffickers*. Austin: The University of Texas at Austin.

Nsonwu, M.B., & Casey, K. (in process). *Embodying Social Work as a Profession: A Pedagogy for Child Welfare Social Workers*.

Nsonwu, M. B. (May 2008). *God-Talk and Kin-Talk in the Survival Epistemology of Liberian Refugee Women: A Radical Challenge for Social Work*. Unpublished PhD. dissertation.

Nsonwu, M.B., & Taylor, M. (August 2006). *Operationalizing diversity issues in lead safety education: Lessons from a multicultural project in North Carolina*. Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Services, 4(3): 115-119.

Beerman, D., & Nsonwu, M.B. (2003, September 29). *Breaking the Vicious Cycle of Abuse*. *Greensboro News and Record*, A, 10.

Scholarly Papers and Professional Presentations

Kaplan, A., & Nsonwu, M.B. (April 3, 2009). *Compassion Fatigue*. 2009 Regional Mental Health Conference "See the Change...Be the Change". Greensboro, North Carolina

Armendariz-Busch, N., Nsonwu, M.B., Heffron, L.C. (March 19, 2009). *Exploring the Long-Term Needs of Victims of Human Trafficking*. Freedom Network Conference in Dallas, TX

Armendariz-Busch, N., Nsonwu, M.B., Heffron, L.C. (March 10, 2009). *Understanding Human Trafficking: Development of Typologies of traffickers*. TAASA Conference in Austin, TX.

Panelist for Armour, M. presentation (February 24, 2009). *Ethical Dilemmas Faced by Refugee Service Professionals*. 1st Annual Association of Refugee Service Professionals Conference in Austin, TX

- Nsonwu, M.B. (February 24, 2009). *Embodying the Head, Hand, Heart and Soul: A Practitioner's Guide to Working with Refugees and Immigrants*. 1st Annual Association of Refugee Service Professionals Conference in Austin, TX
- NASW Panelist. (October 2008). *Interviewing and Resume Writing*. NASW Student Conference UNCG, Greensboro, NC.
- Nsonwu, M.B. (September 2008). *Preparing BSW Students to Work Cross Culturally with Refugees and Immigrants*. BSW Congregational Social Work Pre-Service Training, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B. (September 2008). *Preparing MSW Students to Work Cross Culturally with Refugees and Immigrants*. MSW Congregational Social Work Pre-Service Training, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Harrison, R., & Nsonwu, M.B. (September 2008). *No Experts required: Student Centered Learning*. 2008 National Staff Development and Training Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Armendariz-Busch, N., Nsonwu, M.B., Heffron, L.C. & Hernandez, M. (August 2008). *Understanding Human Trafficking: Development of Typologies of traffickers*. 5th Annual Human Trafficking Conference August, 26, 2008 Austin Texas.
- Reives, W. & Nsonwu, M. (July 2008). *Understanding the Student Selection Process*. CWEC Orientation for new programs, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B. & Lee, H. (May 2008). *Leadership and Learning: A Community Based Lead Safety Project with Refugee Youth*. Office of Leadership and Service Learning Community Partner Workshop, UNCG, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B. (March 2008). *Embodying Social Work: An Integration of the Head, Heart, Hand, and Soul*. 2008 NC Statewide CWEC Conference, Greenville, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B. (February 2008). *Discussion of Qualitative Research Methodologies*. School of Human Environmental Sciences Qualitative Research Symposium, UNCG, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M., Busch, N.B., Fong, R., Faulkner, M., Mahapatra, N., Cook Heffron, L. (October 2007). *Exploring the Needs of Human Trafficking Victims: Refugee Services Respond by Creating a Community Partnership*. Strengthening Refugee Family: Issues, Best Practices, and Innovations Refugee and Immigrant Conference. Chicago, IL
- Collins, M., & Nsonwu, M.B. (November 2007). *Voices of Liberian Refugee Women*. State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium, UNCG, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B. & Collins, M. (June 2007). *Empowerment through Story Telling: Voices of Liberian Refugee Women*. Center for New North Carolinians Glen Haven Center, UNCG, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B. (September 2006). *Providing a Culturally Competent Lead Safety Education Program for Refugees and Immigrants*. Refugee and Immigrant Conference, Partners in Success for New Americans, Family-School-Health, Chicago, Illinois.

- Nsonwu, M.B., Busch, M., Heffron, L.C., & Busch, N. (September 2006). *Creating Partnerships: Lessons from Three University-Based Programs that Service Refugees and Immigrants*. Refugee and Immigrant Conference, Partners in Success for New Americans, Family-School-Health, Chicago, Illinois.
- Nsonwu, M.B. (August 2005). *Teaching about Lead Paint Safety for the Latino Community: Utilizing Public Service Announcements*. Invited presentation to City of Greensboro Outreach Community Organizational Commission, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B. (August 2005). *Operationalizing diversity issues in lead safety education: Lessons from a multicultural project in North Carolina*. Invited presentation to Healthy Homes and Communities of the Housing and Urban Development, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B. (August 2005). *Operationalizing diversity issues in lead safety education: Lessons from a multicultural project in North Carolina*. Invited presentation at the Southern Conference on New Immigration Realities, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M. B. (October 2004). *One City One Book*. Facilitator for discussion hosted by American Association of University Women and the Greensboro Public Library, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B. (October 2004). *Which Way to Graduate School?* Invited presentation for the Department of Social Service of Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B., & Beerman, D. (November 2003). *Writing with Competency: Ways to Improve documentation in child welfare cases*. Training presented to child welfare investigator Davidson County Department of Social Services, Lexington, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B., & Nsonwu, A. (March 2003). *A World Away: A Cross Cultural Simulation*. Invited panel presentation at the Fifth Annual Shades of Color Conference sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Beerman, D., Nsonwu, M.B., Garrad, P., & Webb, D. (March 2002). *The Genogram and Ecomap: They Can Improve Child Welfare Practice*. Invited presentation at the Child Services Conference sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Social Services, Asheville, North Carolina.
- Nsonwu, M.B., & Nsonwu, A. (March 2002). *What Do You See When You Look At Me?* Invited panel presentation at the Fourth Annual Shades of Color Conference sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Busch, M. A. , Nsonwu, M. & Busch, J. C.(1990). *A mini-ethnography of five Dega women*. Invited colloquium during Women's Studies Month, School of Social Work , The University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC., April 6, 1990.
- Busch, M. A., Nsonwu, M., Busch, J. C., & Olson, K. (1990). *Testimony of survivors: Dega women tell their story*. Paper presented at the triennial meeting of the International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, New York, NY, June 4, 1990.
- Busch, M. A., Nsonwu, M., Busch, J. C., & Olson, K. (1990). *Testimony of survivors: Dega women tell their story*. Paper presented at the National Women's Studies Conference, Akron, OH, June 22, 1990.

Selected Classroom Presentations

Nsonwu, M.B. (January 2004). *Competent social work practice with multicultural and multiethnic families*. For Dr. Melissa Taylor, SW 315.

Nsonwu, M.B. (September 2003). *Teaching social work students about medical social work: A focus on women's issues*. For Dr. Elizabeth Hurd SW 311.

Nsonwu, M.B. (September 2003). *Teaching social work students about medical social work: A focus on women's issues*. For Professor Hope Rife, SW 311.

Nsonwu, M.B. (September 2003). *Advance medical social work practice in hospitals*. For Dr. Melissa Taylor, SW 411.

Nsonwu, M.B. (November 2003). *Understanding critical issues in child welfare policy and practice*. For Professor Carolyn Moore, SW 215.

Additional invited presentations at High Point University, GTCC, Alamance Community College, Women's Hospital of Greensboro: on Substance Abuse; Private/Agency Adoption Policy; Values Clarification; Working With Cultural Diversity; Medical Social Work and other topics.

EXTERNAL FUNDED GRANTS & CONTRACTS

January 2009	Principal Investigator (with Prof. Sue Dennison and Prof. Dan Beerman) Community Based Research Grant, <i>Foster Care Chronicles</i> . Office of Leadership and Service Learning, UNCG. \$1,000 (plus \$2,000 award for students).
November 2007 – October 2010	Principal Investigator Lead Safe Housing Project, Funded by the City of Greensboro and the Housing Urban Development (HUD). Total \$18, 000 (distributed \$6,000 each year).
March 2008 – April 2009	Co-Principal Investigator (with Dr. Noël Busch Armendariz) Human Trafficking Coalition Project Evaluation: Phase II, Funded by Refugee Services of Texas, Inc. (RST), Austin, Texas. \$16, 667
December 2006 – June 2007	Principal Investigator Community Based Research Grant, <i>Empowerment through Story Telling: Voices of Liberian Refugee Women</i> . Office of Leadership and Service Learning, UNCG. \$1,000 (plus \$1,000 award for student)
2002 – October 2007	Co-Investigator (with Dr. Raleigh Bailey), Lead Safe Housing Project. Funded by the City of Greensboro and the Housing Urban Development (HUD) over 6 years for \$48,000.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2005 - 2008	Board Member, D.R.E.A.M.S. (Drug Rehabilitation Education and Mental Health Solutions) Greensboro, North Carolina.
2007 – 2008	CROP Walk Greensboro Urban Ministry.
2005	Senior Project Judge, Northwest Guilford High School, Greensboro, North Carolina.
2004 - 2005	Member, Visions Community, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.
2004	One City One Book Project, Group Discussion Facilitator, Greensboro Public Library, Greensboro, North Carolina.
2002-2008	Member, Pratto Scholarship Selection Committee, Family Life Council, Greensboro, North Carolina.
2002-present	Member, City of Greensboro Lead Safe Housing Partnership Advisory Committee, Greensboro, North Carolina.
2003-2004	Vision Program Advisory Board Member, Lutheran Family Services Refugee Resettlement , Greensboro, North Carolina.
2002-present	Refugee Family Sponsor, Lutheran Family Services Refugee Resettlement, Greensboro, North Carolina.
2002 – 2003	Volunteer, American Cancer Society, Greensboro, North Carolina.
2002 - 2003	Volunteer, Triad Health Project Relay for Life, Greensboro, North Carolina.
2000 - present	Member, Guilford County Schools Parent Teacher Association, Greensboro, North Carolina
2001 – 2006	Committee Member, Guilford Department of Social Services Permanency Planning Community, Greensboro, North Carolina.
1998 – present	Member, Parish Life Commission, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL and DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

UNCG Committees

Spring 2009	Search Committee Assistant Dean of Students, Dean of Student Affairs Office
Spring 2008	UNCG Cares

Fall 2005- 2008	Doctoral student peer mentor, Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations Department, School of Education
Fall 2004 – present	Immigrant and Refugee Research Committee, Center for New North Carolinians
Fall 2003 – present	Student Conduct Committee, Dean of Student Affairs Office
Fall 2001 – Spring 2003	Multicultural Affairs Committee, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Fall 2001 – Spring 2002	Facilitator, Circle of Friends Support Group, Multicultural Affairs Committee

School of Human Environmental Sciences

Fall 2008 – present	Sustainability Taskforce Committee
Summer 2006 – Spring 2007	Urban Studio Project
Fall 2005	Search Committee for Departmental Chair, Social Work Department

Department of Social Work Committees

Fall 2008 – present	BSW Curriculum Committee
Fall 2008 – present & Fall 2003 – Spring 2004	Teaching Circle Member
Fall 2003 – present	Field Advisory Committee
Fall 2002 – Spring 2006	Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee, Social Work Department
Spring 2001 – present	Joint Master of Social Work Program Admissions Committee

Joint Master of Social Work Program (JMSW)—Child Welfare Education Collaborative (CWEC)

Fall 2001 – present	Co-chair, CWEC Student Issues Committee
Fall 2001 – present	JMSW/CWEC Student Selection Committee
Spring 2003 – present	CWEC Curriculum Committee

Fall 2003 – Spring 2004

JMSW Reaccreditation Self Study Committee

Spring 2000 – present

CWEC Advisory Committee

Spring 2000 – present

CWEC Steering Committee

Fall 2002 – Spring 2004

Co-chair, CWEC Relationship Committee